

June 20, 2011

U.S. Postal Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20268-0001

RE: Docket No. A2011-18
Appeal of Closure Notice of Valley Falls Post Office
located in Cumberland, RI

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing on behalf of the residents of the town of Cumberland, Rhode Island to request that the proposed closure of the Valley Falls Post Office be suspended pending the completion of the review process of Docket No. A2011-18.

I am requesting this courtesy of delaying the closure during the appeal process for the following reasons:

1. The closure of the Post Office will cause a hardship for the hundreds of residents who regularly use the Post Office and have signed petitions objecting to its closure.
2. The closure of the Post Office during the appeal process will negatively impact our efforts to attract economic development to an area that has been hit the hardest by the economic downturn. The Post Office is located a short distance from our neighboring community of Central Falls, RI that is one of a handful of municipalities in the country to have entered into bankruptcy proceedings.
3. A suspension of the closure of the Post Office will allow time for our United States Senators Jack Reed and Sheldon Whitehouse along with Congressman David Cicilline to formally express their objections to the closing of Post Office.

Because the Valley Falls Post Office is the only Post Office in the State of Rhode Island targeted to be closed, the delaying of this closure would not force other delays in Rhode Island.

I would like to thank you for your consideration of our town's request.

Sincerely,

Mayor Daniel J. McKee

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